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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: ) Examiner Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.  
Gerritsen, et al. ) Group Art Unit No. 1642  
Serial No. 09/684,458 )  
Filing Date: October 5, 2000 )  
For NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, THEIR )  
NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND METHODS )  
FOR THEIR USE IN )  
ANGIOGENESIS AND )  
VASCULARIZATION )

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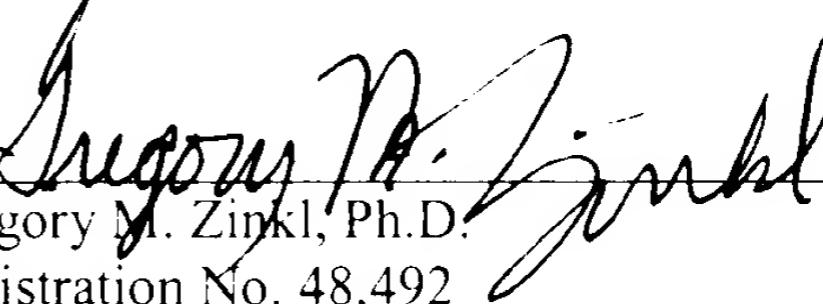
**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated March 26, 2003, finally rejecting claims 24-35, 60-63 and 67. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$320.00. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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